

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 10/17/05 and the interview on 10/26/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8,10-31 and 33-44 renumbered as claims 1-42.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Dresch (46,672) on 10/26/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend claims 1 and 44 as shown in the attached amendments to claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-8, 10-31, and 33-44 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regard to claims 1-8, and 39-41, the prior art does not disclose a photo service system with the combination of limitations specified in the claimed invention, specifically the limitations of:

a photo service center which prints the images according to the image data received by the base station and sorts the prints of the images according to the identification information received with the image data, wherein the photo service center identifies the prints of the images based on a location corresponding to the base station that transmitted the image file, as claimed in claim 1.

In regard to claims 10-30, 33-38, 42, and 43, the prior art does not disclose a photo service system and a photo service method with the combination of limitations specified in the claimed invention, specifically the limitations of:

a photo service center which prints the images according to the image data received by the at least one base station and sorts the prints of the images according to the identification information received with the image data, wherein the photo service center identifies the prints of the images based on a location corresponding to the respective at least one base station that transmitted the image file, as claimed in claim 10.

In regard to claim 31, the prior art does not disclose a photo service system with the combination of limitations specified in the claimed invention, specifically the limitations of:

a photo service center which prints the images according to the image data received by the at least one base station and sorts the prints of the images according to the identification information received with the image data, wherein the at least one base station receives the image data and the identification information based on a proximity of the at least one digital camera to the least one base station, as claimed in claim 31

In regard to claim 44, the prior art does not disclose a photo service system with the combination of limitations specified in the claimed invention, specifically the limitations of:

a photo service center that automatically prints each image upon receipt of the image data of each captured image by the base station and sorts the prints of the images according to the identification information received with the image data, and identifying

each of the prints of the images based on a location corresponding to at least one base station of the plurality of base stations that transmitted the image file, wherein the photo service center identifies the prints of the images based on a location corresponding to the respective at least one base station of the plurality of base stations that transmitted the image file, as claimed in claim 44.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gevell Selby whose telephone number is 571-272-7369. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 PM (every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on 571-272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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